

High School Credential Options



	VT ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM (VADP)	GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)	HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM (HSCP)
	Instruction available to prepare and support students		
Outcome	High School Diploma	GED Certificate	High School Diploma
Average Length of Program	Varies – depends on student skills and motivation	1-2 testing days, plus any preparation	Varies – depends on length of graduation plan
Entry Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 years of age and over • Age 18-20, with waiver from high school • Minimum skill levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 16 + • Government issued photo I.D. • Parent/guardian signature if under 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 16 to 22nd birthday • Graduation plan signed by HSCP plan manager, high school, student, and parent/guardian (if under 18) • Minimum skill levels
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass diagnostic academic assessments • Complete five standards-based performance projects • Meet regularly with a VADP assessor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory classes available • Pass multiple choice exam and essay: Subtests in Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, and Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing communication with high school liaison • Develop individualized plan • Complete activities to achieve plan objectives and meet standards
Completion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet standards through project completion • Approval by review team, local high school, and Vermont Department of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average score of 450 for 5 tests and no score lower than 410 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete graduation plan activities to meet educational objectives • Approval of high school and plan manager
Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose 5 projects • Choose focus for each project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No choice – pass all 5 tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized graduation plan developed with each student
Cost to Participant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15 each test • \$75 complete battery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost